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Meeting Minutes 05-20-04

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

MAY 20, 2004

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex.

Present were Catherine Garnett, Judith Hodges, Bill O'Rourke, Nathaniel Stevens, Timothy Sullivan, and David White of the Commission. Ellen Reed, of the Commission, and Cori Beckwith, Administrator, were absent. Allen Reedy, Scout Leader for Troup 313, attended.

7:30 p.m. - COMMISSION BUSINESS

Land Stewards – The Turkey Hill Stewards would like to have poison ivy treated and signs installed. Ms. Garnett will speak with Stewards to ascertain what type of signage is desired; Mr. White will contact DPW to see what signs can be made at sign shop and ascertain whether DPW can treat the poison ivy.

53R Park Ave Stewards to conduct a clean-up and planting on Memorial Day Weekend.

Arlington Land Trust, Inc. asked if ACC would like to include a thank-you note with ALT's acknowledgement of contributions to the ASC Fund; ACC said it would do letter like FOAGM does.

Spy Pond Park – ACC received note from DEP questioning use of boulders as compensation for destroyed BVW; note forwarded to Applicant's representative for reply. Mr. Stevens had contacted Rick Gorman, P.E. about investigation of 18" pipe from Wyman Terrace but had not heard a reply.

Winchester CC/Broome's – Ms. Garnett visited the project site with Applicant's representative to inspect plantings and noticed that at least three large trees had been cut on the Broome's property within ACC jurisdiction, near brook. Apparently was done recently (this spring) as stumps were a lighter color than those for trees removed by Applicant (as permitted by ACC) last fall. ACC agreed Enforcement Order should be issued a.s.a.p. Applicant asked about removing siltation fencing; ACC decided it could be done as soon as site is stabilized.

Enforcement:

Ryder Street Brook – Mr. White shared photos of debris and materials pushed right up to or into this stream. Mr. White to draft Notice of Noncompliance.

Snow into Noname Brook – Winslow Management – return receipt came back, so have been notified to not do this again; will monitor next winter for compliance.

66 Summit Street – Tree cutting; notice of non-compliance/etter returned, need to ascertain property owner.

Budget – Mr. Stevens reported discussions or meetings over past weeks with Caryn Malloy, Personnel Director, Nancy Galkowski, Ass't Town Manager, and Ruth Lewis, Comptroller concerning funding of Administrator's position for remainder of current fiscal year and for following fiscal year. Ms. Galkowski recommended 12 hours/week for Administrator for next 5 weeks of current fiscal year, which ACC agreed to do although wished there could be more hours as current hours are not even sufficient. Ms. Galkowski further informed Mr. Stevens that beginning July 1, 2005 (beginning of newxt Fiscal Year) Administrator's position would be moved from Town Manager's Office to Planning Dept. to be supervised by Planning Director. Ms. Galkowski recommended 12 hours/week for next Fiscal Year. Commissioners expressed grave reservations about ability of ACC to function at that level and concern that would not be sufficient work for current Administrator.

Mr. Stevens and Mr. Sullivan had a good meeting May 19 with Ruth Lewis, Comptroller, to better understand ACC's various accounts and Town accounting systems.

The Commission voted to convene at approximately 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nathaniel Stevens